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FOR STR POMERANZ

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1. MISSION OFFICER CONTACTED DERISBOURG TO EXPRESS POSITIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. DERISBOURG AGREED WITH US VIEW THAT OECD SECRETARIAT DRAFT FOR MTN SUBGROUP NEEDED ONLY FEW SMALL CHANGES BEFORE TRANSMISSION TO GENEVA. HE SAID THAT AS REGARDS SPECIFIC US VIEWS ON TACTICS, TRANSPARENCY AND SUPPLIER INQUIRY RIGHTS, AND FINAL PROVISIONS (PARAS 3, 4, 5 REFTEL) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH MEMBER STATES BUT OFFERED FOLLOWING

PERSONAL REACTIONS, WHILE NOT WANTING TO APPEAR TO COMMIT EC TO POSITIONS EXPRESSED.

## TECTICS:

- 2. DERISBOURG SAID HE COULD AGREE WITH PARA 3A REFTEL (ELIMINALION OF NOTES ON RIGHT HAND PAGE) AND SAID THAT THE EC HAD THE SAME PROPOSAL IN MIND.
- 3. HE OBJECTED TO PARA 3B (OECD-MTN COOPERATION) AND SAID PROCEDURES HERE SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY TRADE COMMITTEE ITSELF AND NOT TCWP. DERISBOURG SPECIFICALLY BALKED AT PHRASE "RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR ANY OTHER OECD DOCUMENTATION".

## TRANSPARENCY AND SUPPLIER INQUIRY RIGHTS:

- 4. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS DERISBOURG'S VIEWS ON PRESENT POSITIONS WITHIN THE COMMISSION AND THE NINE MEMBER STATES. WE DID NOT QUIZ HIM ON POSSIBILITIES OF FUTURE EVOLUTION OF THESE POSITIONS.
- 5. DERISBOURG AGREED WITH REFTEL PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN 4A, B, C EXCEPT FOR SECOND SENTENCE IN 4C WHICH HE WOULD PREFER TO DROP. HE SUGGESTED MISSION ADVISE POMERANZ THAT BID DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS AS PROPOSED MIGHT EVEN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN TERMS MEMBER STATE REACTIONS.
- 6. UNDER SECTION 4D REFTEL, DERISBOURG SAID THAT HE REMAINED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CONVINCING MEMBER STATES THAT THEY SHOULD AGREE TO SUPPLY ALL REASONS FOR UNSUCCESSFUL BID TO LOSING BIDDER BUT THIS BEST DONE BY LEAVING STATEMENT GENERAL. HE FELT THAT "ALL THE REASONS" SHOULD LOGICALLY INCLUDE PRICE BUT THAT IF THIS WERE SPECIFICALLY ASKED HE WOULD NOT GET APPROVAL FROM A SINGLE MEMBER STATE. ON THE QUESTION OF DISCLOSURE OF NAME OF WINNING BIDDER, DERISBOURG REMAINS LESS OPTIMISTIC SINCE MEMBER STATES ARE OPPOSED AT PRESENT AND DISCLOSURE OF NAME CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS A REASON FOR UNSUCCESSFUL BID.
- 7. DERISBOURG PROPOSES THAT PARAGRAPH 33A OF THE GUIDELINES READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE PURCHASING ENTITY SHALL INFORM EACH UNSUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF ALL THE REASONS FOR HIS REJECTION. UNQUOTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 8. DERISBOURG HAD NO OBJECTION TO REFTEL ITEMS 4E AND 4F (PARAS 33B, 34 AND 35) OR TO SUGGESTIONS FOR FINAL PROVISIONS.
- 9. DERISBOURG WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET POMERANZ AT 3 OR 4 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY, OCT. 1 AT OECD.HINTON

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